



MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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Meeting Date: April 19, 2022

Agenda Item: Acceptance of Poindexter Slough FAS Land Donation (Beaverhead River)

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 minutes

Background:

FWP was approached by landowner Evelyn Lohman regarding the donation of a small parcel of land (.693 acres) bordering the Poindexter Slough Fishing Access Site (FAS) on the Beaverhead River near Dillon. Lohman is in the process of consolidating her estate and wishes to donate this parcel to FWP to enhance the existing FAS. While not a large addition to the FAS, the department concluded that the donation would create some additional public use opportunities. The department assessed the added operation and maintenance costs associated with receiving this parcel and concluded there would be some minor expenses to move the property boundary fence and additional weed spraying. All due diligence work has been completed and the addition of land to the Poindexter Slough FAS is now ready to be finalized.

Public Involvement Process & Results:

All due diligence work including the publication of an Environmental Assessment (EA), receipt of public comment on the project and the issuance of a Decision Notice (DN) has been completed. During the 30-day comment period, three comments were received regarding the proposal and all of them supported the addition to Poindexter Slough FAS.

Alternatives & Analysis:

Alternative A: No action, leave the current Poindexter Slough FAS boundary as is.

Alternative B: Approve the acquisition to add the additional .693 acres to Poindexter Slough FAS.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale:

The department recommends the commission approve the acquisition (Alternative B).

Proposed Motion:

I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission approve the acquisition of the .693 acres for the Poindexter Slough Fishing Access Site on the Beaverhead River.